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As a below named inventor, I declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MODULAR FURNITURE SYSTEM, the specification of which was filed as application Ser. No. 08/840,960 on April 17, 1997.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

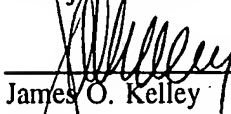
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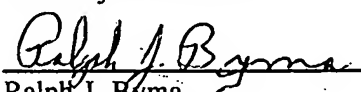
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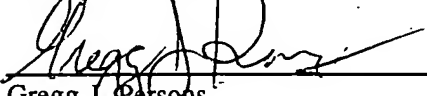
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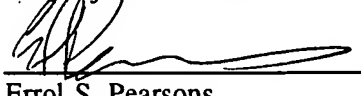
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